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Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance & Punctuality



Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 was 97.16% last week. This means that we are in the **Green Zone** and we are meeting our targets set by the Department for Education.

Attendance	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Week commencing 14th September	99.29%	93.93%	96.54%	98.67%	99.66%	95.16%
Autumn Half Term 1	**97.85%**	**94.80%**	**94.79%**	**98.45%**	**98.78%**	**96.92%**

Safe Use of Paths

Please can we remind all parents and pupils that **pedestrian paths on the school grounds are for walking only**. Riding bikes or scooters in these areas can be dangerous, particularly during busy times, and puts younger children, families and visitors at risk.

We would also like to reiterate that e-scooters are not permitted on school grounds under any circumstances.

Parent Teacher Association

As we begin an exciting new academic year, the PTA is already busy planning a variety of fundraising events and activities that help enrich our children's school experience.

To make these events a success, we need your help! Whether you can spare an hour at an event, assist with planning behind the scenes, help with setting up or tidying away, or bring new ideas to the team, every contribution makes a difference.

Volunteering with the PTA is a fantastic way to:

- Meet other parents and carers
- Support the school community
- Share your skills and ideas
- Help create memorable experiences for our children

There is no expectation to attend every meeting or event. Any amount of time you can give is greatly appreciated.

If you would like to get involved or find out more, please contact the PTA via the school office or by emailing pta@ststephensrc.org.uk.

Scholastic Book Fair

We are delighted to be hosting our Book Fair in school next month. The Book Fair will be arriving in school with hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy. Every book bought can help to get FREE books for our school library.

The Book Fair will be open on the following days:

- **Wednesday 7th October**– pupils can visit the book fair with their class during the school day.
- **Thursday 8th October 3.15pm-4.00pm** – parents can attend with pupils.

There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from, and with prices starting from only £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone. You can explore the range of titles here: The Book Fair selection - Scholastic Book Fairs

Ways to buy books:

- At the book fair with cash, book fair vouchers or online. Vouchers can be purchased from Book Fair Gift Vouchers - Scholastic Book Fairs.
- Online – please complete the 'Wish List' form noting your payment reference details and return to school.

Once payment has been received by one of the above formats, pupils can take home their new books to enjoy!





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- ✔️ PROMOTING POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH
- ✔️ WEEKLY GROUPS LOCATED AROUND THE COUNTRY

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Dates for the Diary (as always, dates are subject to change!):

Monday 21st September – Year 5 Pedestrian Training

Tuesday 22nd September – Year 3/Reception Pedestrian Training

Thursday 24th September – Year 5 and Year 6 Knife Crime Workshops by Northumbria Police

Tuesday 29th September - Year 3 Pedestrian Training

Friday 2nd October – Harvest Festival

W4ednesday 7th October – Pupils to visit Book Fair in School Day

Thursday 8th October 3.15pm-4pm – Families to visit Book Fair

Friday 9th October – Year 4 Hockey Festival

Tuesday 13th October - Mr Taylor Bible Stories

Wednesday 14th October 9.00am – Reception Phonics Workshop

Thursday 15th October – Year 6 Cross Country

Wednesday 21st October – Cake Sale

Thursday 22nd October – Year 5 visit to Laing Art Gallery

Friday 23rd October – Buddies Celebration of the Word (Reception and Year 6)

Friday 23rd October – Last day of Half Term

Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October – School closed for Half Term Holiday

Monday 2nd November – Pupils return to school